6 June 1972

Dear Sergeant Skinner:

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I wish to thank you for your kind invitation to the Noncommissioned Officers of the Military District of Washington military ball on 10 June. It would have been my pleasure to attend but unfortunately I will be out of town for another commitment.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your fellow Noncommissioned Officers a successful evening in commemoration of the 197th anniversary of the United States Army.

Faithfully,

Vernon A. Walters Lieutenant General, USA

Command Sergeant Major John L. Skinner Military District of Washington Fort Lesley J. McNair Washington, D. C. 20315